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Something has to go, and it's going to be the drug in indulgence.

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Late permits delay parking enforcement

By Allison M. Foley

DAILY STAFF WRITER

If one walks past the Seventh Street garage, they may notice a large sign in front of the driveway stating that parking regulations will not be enforced until Feb. 4, because student parking permits have yet to arrive. According to several students, this is a blessing as well as a curse.

Talib Kwestar, a senior majoring in computer science, said he normally takes the light rail to get to school because he can't afford a parking permit.

"I'm taking this time until Feb. 4 to bring my car to school and park in one of the garages," he said.

Lt. Marianne Alvarez, support services commander of the University Police Department, said the delay of the distribution of parking permits was, "basically human error," she said. "They (the permits) were ordered late by an employee of parking services."

In case one questions the abilities of anyone to bypass such a simple procedure, Alvarez said, "We have someone who's been ordering them, who has been

doing it for years. They're very dependable."

In the case of the parking permit situation, a simple procrastination or one too many papers on a desk can prove problematic for San Jose State University's enormous student population, said Alvarez and an employee in the Bursar's Office.

"It caused me and the Bursar's Office a lot of headache," Alvarez said.

The Bursar's Office is where students can buy their parking permits, or pick up permits they have preordered, Alvarez said.

Alvarez said the Bursar's Office has a large sign displayed, informing students of the delay in the arrival of permits.

Lydia Burquez, a sophomore occupational therapy major, said she was upset by the delay.

"I arrived at the (Bursar's) office to get a permit and saw the sign out. I hope I don't forget to go back when the permits do arrive," she said.

Alvarez also said that parking enforcement officers are in no way taking a vacation due to the absence of student parking permits. Employee parking permits

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Journalist, author shares experiences

By Paul Mercado

DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Salamanca Speakers' Spotlight brought an interesting perspective to San Jose Wednesday, when journalist and author Ray Suarez took the floor.

The series, held at the Mexican Heritage Plaza, was to promote his book "The Old Neighborhood: What we lost in the great suburban migration."

When asked why he chose a career as a journalist, Suarez said, "NBA scouts weren't dogging me."

Some of Silicon Valley's notables filled the audience, included City Councilwoman Cindy Chavez and San Jose Mercury News journalist Joe Rodriguez.

When asked about his worst mistake as a Latino journalist, Suarez said, "When I was a young journalist I didn't manage my rage well enough."

Suarez, with his 25 years in the news business, distinguished himself as an insightful author and journalist.

He shared his views on the effects and phenomenon of America's post-war migration to the suburbs from cities in the last half of the twentieth century, which he chronicled in his book.

When asked what he thought about Suarez's narration, San Jose State University political science department chair Terry Chris-

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FENCED IN



Akihiro Futatsuya / Daily Staff

Students walk past fenced-in construction material in front of the Event Center.

Construction on the Joint Library and Infrastructure II has students taking detours

By Lori Hanley

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Chain-link fences and cautionary signs greeted students and faculty members during their first week back to San Jose State University.

As part of the state-funded Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Joint Library project, chain-link fences, temporary orange fences and yellow cautionary tape went up last week to keep people from being exposed to the dan-

gers of the various construction projects occurring on campus.

"You have to be really careful when there are pedestrians in the area," said Jim Zavagno, the associate director of planning design and construction for Facilities Operations and Development.

According to Art Heinrich, the project manager, chain-link fences surrounding Tower lawn are being used by the Infrastructure II project, in conjunction with the building of the Joint Library.

The fences are being used to isolate the area where the lawn is scheduled to be dug up to transport utilities such as electricity, steam and chilled water to the new Joint Library site.

"Infrastructure II is aimed at increasing the efficiency of campus systems," Heinrich said.

The fences along 10th and San Carlos streets are blocking off the area where a ther-

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MUSE program to help integrate new students

By Kami Nguyen

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Incoming students for Fall 2002 will have a chance to ease into their new life here on campus.

Annette Nellen, from the College of Business, said The Metropolitan University Scholar's Experience (MUSE) is a program that offers courses, workshops and peer mentors that are

designed to help freshman gain experience and develop good study habits and other skills to help them succeed in college.

Provost Marshall Goodman, vice president for academic affairs, introduced the idea for the program to faculty and Academic Senate members 11 months ago. Goodman had also worked on a similar program at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

where he served as dean of the College of Letters and Science.

Support followed and soon after the program was under development in Spring 2001.

"I was awed by the faculty and their dedication and enthusiasm," he said.

Goodman said that since freshman enrollment is usually higher during the fall semester, the program will only be available then.

Although the program is only available for freshman, discussions are in progress to make the program available for students of any class level.

The small class size and the presence of mentors will make the program a unique experience, Goodman said. The goal is for students will have a more personal

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Fraternities, sororities take two-day rush by the horns



Ivan Kashinsky / Daily Staff

Preet Sekhon, dressed as Theta Chi's mascot, the Horny Red Ox, tries to recruit Sabi Vargnese and Viju John Thursday during a special two-day rush event.

By Rima Shah

DAILY STAFF WRITER

While students rushed to classes and to buy textbooks on the first week of spring semester, fraternities and sororities rushed to recruit new students in a two-week recruitment drive in front of the Student Union and at the Paseo de Cesar Chavez.

As swarms of students hurried by, Greek members wearing their group colors and letters stood by tables decorated with photographs and chapter flowers smiled invitingly and handed out fliers.

"Rush is a time when anyone who is interested in joining a fraternity or sorority can come up to us and get more information," said Carol Casey, former president of Alpha Pi, a sorority.

Rush week techniques includes everything from passing out simple fliers to advertising social nights, where interested people can meet with Greek members over coffee or ice cream and get the information they need to join the Greek chapter.

During rush week, members are forbidden to drink alcohol or

offer alcohol to interested members, said Juan Loreda, vice-president of membership for the Interfraternity Council or IFC, the governing body of the 10 nationally affiliated fraternities at San Jose State University.

"We don't want alcohol to influence members," Loreda said. "You don't want somebody to join a fraternity because drinking is involved."

SJSU has various Greek chapters, which include social, academic and multicultural sororities and fraternities as well as co-ed fraternities. They are divided into local fraternities and sororities and those that have national and local organizations, some Greek members said.

A chapter's affiliation can influence its policies and also its dues. Dues can vary from \$50 per semester to almost \$500 per month, which often includes fees for room and board, some Greek members said.

Some members said they believe that the dues are a small price to pay for the advantages that a person can gain by joining Greek life.

"Greek life is fun," Loreda said.

"It allows you to have a social life, especially on this campus, where people just go to work and class. It allows you to get actively involved on campus."

However, Loreda said he believes that a fun social life is not the only aspect of Greek life.

"Most people only see the stereotypes that Greek life is all about drugs, sex, alcohol and hazing," Loreda said. "However, it is an opportunity to hone your leadership skills, learn time management, plan events and develop organizational skills."

Some Greek chapters are also involved with community service.

"We help the community," said Lindsay Dunbar, vice-president for fellowship at Alpha Phi Omega, a co-ed service fraternity, which insists on 25 community service hours per semester. "It is fun. We make friends that last a lifetime. We learn values. We do service and feel better about ourselves and help others."

However, some students said they hesitate to join fraternities and sororities based on the expenses and commitment they

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LETTERS

Reflecting about
Roe/Wade decision

The court ruled that the fetus was not a person with constitutional right. The modern science of fetology makes it undeniably evident that human life began at conception. With the availability of RU-486 here in the Bay Area, it will be easy to abort a life.

The pro-abortionist say, "That is my body, this is my right." We have "Save the Whales" and "Save the Spotted Owls," but never a sign saying, "Save the Babies." Seventy-five percent of the women say they have abortions because it interferes with their career. You don't murder somebody just because he or she interferes with your career.

One-and-a-half million abortions a year are performed in the U.S. alone. It's estimated that one of every four pregnancies end in the abortion. What a horrible slaughter.

That's where it seems to me that Christian protesters are being a little hypocritical, because it doesn't seem that they're offering real genuine help, such as financial help and baby care or adoption.

A lot of women want to have the baby and would like to keep it, but the barrier is that once they give up to agency, they will never see it again. Then they lose all hope.

The Christians need to put their money where their mouths are. They need to put out more money to help the girls.

Save the babies.

Ted Rudow III
credential student

Walker situation looks
like a futuristic novel

The American people should be asking themselves why the government refuses to allow even John Walker's (*Opposing Views*, Jan. 23) parents to see him, let alone the press or public.

This kind of nightmare supposedly only happens in Nazi Germany.

They are probably worried about a repeat of the Oswald weirdness.

Weird things are happening in the Brave New World of 1984.

J. Martin Nysted
alumnus
mathematics

Can we really ever know
about extraterrestrials?

In response to the question, "Could we attain objective proof that an extraterrestrial source of intelligence actually knows we exist?" I hereby publicly ask the following question:

Without a "double agency" act of cooperation from us and from that source itself, how can we possibly attain the objective proof that is beyond ourselves and our planet, in that case?

Emilio (Chick) D'Arpino
undecleared

Turning a new leaf: trading Mary for Jack

They say when getting off drugs, a person turns to something else to keep their mind off their addiction. After an 8-year veteran resident pothead, I have come to the realization that now is the time to be free of the meat hooks that The Evil Weed has put into my arms.

I've smoked a plethora of marijuana and even got involved in the economics of the trade.

But wait, I'm getting too far ahead of myself.

The root of the problem lies in where and how I grew up.

Ah, yes, in the sweltering heat of the desert, in a small town called Ridgecrest.

Never heard of it? I'm not surprised. It's out by the Mojave Desert, in the armpit of California.

For all you MTV buffs, Mark Hoppus of the illustrious Blink 182 grew up there.

My friend still has an old yearbook of him during his Cure days when he had hair like Robert Smith.

The only reason there's a town there is because of the huge Naval Military Base that employs most of the town.

It wasn't uncommon to hear sonic booms that rattled the windows in our house.

You somehow got used to it. My parents got jobs as teachers and moved there at night in 1979.

BEAU
DOWLING

PROFESSIONAL CRASTINATOR

They found a flat, desolate, isolated town.

Growing up there was strange.

The legend is if you stay in Ridgecrest, you either become a drug addict or a religious fanatic.

Corruption ran high. Officers of the law would receive felatio from women who didn't want to go to jail for possession of speed.

You can waltz into any bar in the town and see everybody drinking the same bottled beer: Bud Light.

When the chief of police retired, he decided to brew beer to capitalize on the alcohol consumption, which is a problem.

High school was a real trip, because my parents worked at the school I went to.

I even had the old man as a Physical Education instructor.

Then the old man died at school of a heart attack while teaching basketball

during a class.

Suddenly, I became very popular.

Death is such an odd thing to deal with, and since there was very little for kids to do, drugs were prevalent.

Garages would explode from meth labs blowing up, so the biggest drug of choice in Ridgecrest was methamphetamine.

There was jimsonweed, which grew wild.

Coke was accessible, just a little expensive.

Acid was easy to find, so was ecstasy.

But weed was the easiest.

Getting involved with drug culture was simple, but I didn't indulge myself in all the drugs that I came in contact with.

I've never tried meth, or coke, or anything else that requires a needle, a straw or a glass of water.

My drug of choice was weed, herb, tea, bhang, or the maujuan, as William S. Burroughs puts it.

It got to the point where I would get together with a couple of friends and head out to Bakersfield, which supposedly was the skinhead capitol of California.

We'd pick up a pound a weed from a big black dude in the ghetto, drive it back to Ridgecrest and live like kings, selling it and having plenty to smoke.

But in dealing weed, you see the effects that other drugs have on people.

Meth would turn people into crazy

lunatics, being awake for a week at a time.

Friends I had would lose 20 or 30 pounds in a few weeks.

It was the combination of the drugs and the drinking that would make people really loony.

I had a friend who had been up for a few days and was coming down at a party.

I was standing outside in front of this house, smoking a joint with friends, when he came out to relieve himself.

He was so drunk that he sat down on a chair swing, unzipped his pants, took out his member, and proceeded to urinate all over himself.

We were too stoned to help him out, but the funny part was he suddenly passed out, with his member in hand.

I had to hose him off to take him back home.

Now I'm not on some soapbox preaching to anybody to not do drugs.

The government has failed miserably in doing that with its pseudo "War On Drugs."

I'm just to the point where it's not as much fun as it used to be.

So, in light of that, I'm keeping a bottle of Jack Daniels in my drawer, just in case I need a little nip to numb the pain.

Beau Dowling is the *Spartan Daily* managing editor. "Professional Crastinator" appears Fridays.

SORRY, THE DRILL SLIPPED... BUT IF
YOU EVER WANTED A TONGUE STUD,
NOW WOULD BE THE TIME...

Frustrations at 35,000
feet and on the ground

Airline Itinerary. 22 JAN Monday
Depart: Quito, Ecuador
2:50 p.m. non-stop.

Arrive: 4 p.m. San Jose, Costa Rica. (CLASS-L) Snack

I got a window seat and had three cute babies to my North, South and East.

Next to me were a girl and her mother, who sat with a smile on their faces, looking at my swollen eyes (I cried for an hour saying goodbyes before getting on the plane).

As soon as the plane took off and I saw the last oval picture of my country, the nightmare began.

Two minutes after takeoff, baby to the North started the high-pitched whimpering as the other two quickly followed.

All I could think of was the reason why I didn't bring some potent drugs to knock me out.

While I concentrated on blocking out the repetitive yells, the girl next to me distracted me by switching positions frantically.

As the invisible hand pinched her butt, she kicked my right leg with her hiking boots.

I gave her the look but she completely ignored me and continued the abuse.

Finally, I took my cork notebook and placed it in the middle of the seat.

She immediately stopped and stared at me annoyed. I won.

First stop of my "non-stop" flight was Guayaquil, another Ecuadorian city, then off to Costa Rica.

During this flight, we were given two pieces of bread with mayonnaise and some odd type of meat that looked like chicken, smelled like tuna and tasted like crap.

I was so hungry, I ate it in two bites. I couldn't sleep for the life of me, so I started photographing the man in front of me.

Specifically his ear.

The girl and mom next to me stared confused.

By now they were probably thinking, "Why is she photographing the man's ear? Is she a part of some sort of esoteric terrorist organization, like the 'Talib-ear'?" Is this part of their secret plan, should I tackle her now to the ground to save our lives?

I stopped.

I arrived in Costa Rica at 4 p.m. to find out my next flight was over booked and I had to stay the night in the country.

This did not bother me at all, it was the fact that I couldn't get out of the airport without a visa that got me a little anxious.

What is a person supposed to do for a whole day inside an airport to stay mentally sane?

KARLA
GACHET

WHERE'S MY LIGHTER?

I yelled and stomped my feet on the ground in front of the counter, while the woman on the other side looked at me with a blank stare.

It was probably the highlight of her irksome day.

Hours went by and I walked the airport corridors, about 20 times.

I found the bookstore where I spent the next half of eternity reading.

Nighttime came and I clung to my backpack as I sat on one of the chairs in fear.

Janitors came and went, all of them checking me out like vultures just waiting for my eyes to close.

The hallucinations started at about 5 a.m.

People started showing up at around 7 a.m., when I finally decided it was safe to take a nap.

23 JAN Wednesday
Depart: San Jose, Costa Rica 4:50 p.m. non-stop

Arrive: San Francisco, Calif. 10:59 p.m. (Class L) Snack

(By now I'm wondering what the hell "L" stands for... Lame-ass service?)

As I boarded the plane, the woman behind me asked, "Does this plane go to New York?" I looked at her speechless, what is this, a bus? Shouldn't you have asked that question before getting on the plane?

I stared and shrugged.

I didn't care. I didn't know her. Get lost.

Two more crap sandwiches later, my stomach started to grumble.

I went to the bathroom and realized I was relieving myself 35,000 feet above the ground. Interesting concept.

Two hours out of the five-hour trip, the "fasten your seatbelt" light was on because of turbulence.

I needed to go to the bathroom again, but was too scared to get up.

"Thanks for flying with us, please come again," said the friendly flight attendants.

I hold myself back not to slap these smiling idiots waving goodbye at the door.

Instead I ran, I had a nuclear bomb in my stomach.

Karla Gachet is the *Spartan Daily* photo editor. "Where's My Lighter?" appears Fridays.

Sparta
Guide

Saturday

Society of Latino Engineering and Scientists

Science extravaganza from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Student Union ballroom. For more information, contact Stephanie Cisneros at 821-2440.

Monday

City Year

Long-sleeve shirt drive for migrant farm workers in Florida. Begins today through Feb. 28. Bring donations to the box at Mosaic or to the office at 116 Paseo De San Antonio. For more information, call James at 907-6544.

School of Art & Design

Student gallery exhibitions from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings today through Friday. For more information, contact John or Nicole at 924-4330.

Coalition for Social Justice, Solidarity and Unity (weekly)

Weekly meeting at 6 p.m. in the Pacheco Room to collectively organize events this semester. All student organizations are welcome.

Tuesday

Counseling Services

General process group from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, Room 201. For more information, call Kell Fujimoto and Jeni Landau at 924-5910.

Ballroom/Social Dance Club

Hustle lesson/70s party at 6:30 p.m. in Spartan Complex, Room 89. For more information, contact Goretti at 924-SPIN.

School of Art & Design

Tuesday night lecture series: Clank, Boom, Steam, in conjunction with the

opening of his exhibition, Kevin Gruye will introduce his work from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Art building, Room 133. For more information, contact Jo Hernandez at 924-4328.

School of Art & Design

Reception for student galleries from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information, contact John or Nicole at 924-4430.

Movimiento Estudiantil Chicalano de Aztlan (weekly)

Weekly officers meeting at 6 p.m. in the Chicano Library Resource Center, Module A. For more information, contact Adriana Garcia at 250-9245.

90.5 KSJS Ground Zero Radio

Tuneless Tuesday: Live music every week. This week: The Uldras in the Student Union Amphitheater from noon to 1 p.m. For more information, contact Shaun Morris at 924-8764.

Hillel of Silicon Valley

Live from Hillel it's Tuesday night free dinner at 6 p.m. at 33 E. William St. For more information, contact Brett at 286-6669.

Wednesday

Urban Planning Coalition

Potluck at 6 p.m. in the urban planning lounge in Washington Square Hall, Room 218. All urban planning, environmental studies and geography students are invited. Bring something to share. For more information, call Irvin 924-5882.

Movimiento Estudiantil Chicalano de Aztlan (weekly)

Weekly general meetings addressing Chicalano issues and making familia at 6 p.m. in the Chicano Library Resource Center, Module A. For more information, contact Adriana Garcia at 250-9245.

Asian American Christian Fellowship

Welcome week: games, skits and much more at 7:30 p.m. in the Pacific Room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Alison at 971-4082 or Anh at 807-8233.

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PARKING: Permits were late because of human error

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have been distributed as they always have been, on time. There is still employee parking to be regulated, according to Alvarez.

Parking violations in employee spaces have risen to new heights on account of the late student parking permits, Alvarez said.

"Students think this is a free-for-all," she said. Alvarez added that parking enforcement officers cannot ticket cars devoid of permits in employee spaces quickly enough.

Because students are coming and going throughout the day,

before officers could cover all the spaces, a new batch of cars without permits will have come and gone, she said.

More enforcement officers are being hired to deal with this new problem, because it has gone out of control, Alvarez said. Students cannot expect to repeat these same parking violations and get away with them every time, she said.

Alvarez also encouraged students to make frequent use of the Park and Ride lot, adding that the lot is gaining heightened awareness. The lot was filled by 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, the first day of classes, and an extra parking lot, reserved for Park and

Ride overflow, was filled as well, she said.

Trent de Leon, a junior marketing major, praised the Park and Ride lot.

"It's a bit further from campus, and even though you have to take a shuttle to get to campus, it ends up being more convenient than circling around a parking garage," he said.

The parking permits are scheduled to be mailed out of the Bursar's Office at the end of next week, Alvarez said. She also said students should be ready to display their parking permits beginning Feb. 4, which is the first day parking regulations will be enforced.

FENCES: Some students not bothered by construction

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mo-energy storage facility is being built.

The thermo-energy storage facility makes a tank of ice overnight when energy and usage rates are low. During the day, when energy and usage rates are high, the storage facility melts the ice to provide cooling for the campus, Heinrich said.

Bright orange temporary fences are also being used as part of the Joint Library project. Zavagno said 30-to-40-foot trucks are slated to enter the campus between the Administration and Engineering buildings and the orange fences are being used to block the area from pedestrian traffic. These trucks will be carry-

ing materials to the library site.

The Seventh Street entrance is the only access to that side to the library, Heinrich said. The fences are expected to stay up for five weeks, he said.

"We are trying to make it as safe as possible," Heinrich said.

The chain-link fences are expected to remain on campus until March or April, Heinrich said. The fences will move around campus as the project necessitates, he said.

Sidewalks are also being torn up and fixed in various places throughout the campus, he said.

Although the chain-link fences, the temporary orange fences and the cautionary signs prevent shortcuts to classes,

some students said they are not bothered by the inconvenience.

"As long as they don't interfere with people walking to class, the fences should not be a problem," said senior Hector Larios.

Taking a longer route to classes does not bother sophomore Jennifer Candelas, but she said she is bothered by the visuals the fences produce.

"They take away from the beauty of the campus," Candelas said.

Signs are posted on the fences with the contractor's phone number as well as Heinrich's. He said people who observe safety problems that need immediate attention are encouraged to call those numbers.

John Walker faces charges, next hearing slated for Feb. 6

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) - Shorn of his long hair and beard, John Walker Lindh quietly faced his government's charges Thursday that he conspired to kill fellow Americans in Afghanistan.

"Yes, I do, thank you," he answered when asked at his first court appearance if he grasped the accusations that he conspired to kill Americans abroad and aided terrorist groups.

His lawyers, in a signal of the defense they will pursue, strongly criticized the FBI's questioning of the 20-year-old shortly after his capture in Afghanistan.

Lindh "asked for a lawyer, repeatedly asked for a lawyer," from Dec. 2 on, his lead attorney, James Brosnahan, said outside the courthouse.

The government countered that Lindh had made his own decision to waive his right to an attorney before that questioning - and to join the Taliban and support Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist organization.

"John Walker chose to join terrorists who wanted to kill Americans, and he chose to waive his right to an attorney, both orally and in writing, before he was questioned by the FBI," Attorney General John Ashcroft said at a news conference.

"Mr. Walker will be held responsible in the courtroom for his choices," the attorney general said.

With his parents watching from the second row in a federal courtroom, Lindh stood erect facing the judge when he was addressed. He wore a green jumpsuit with the word "prisoner" on the back, and spoke three times.

First he said he understood the charges. Then U.S. Magistrate Judge W. Curtis Sewell asked whether he understood the possible penalties, including life in prison.

"Yes I do, sir," Lindh said in a quiet voice.

He responded, "No sir, I don't have any questions," when told he would be kept in custody for now but would have another

hearing Feb. 6.

At that time, the judge will determine whether Lindh will remain in custody without bail.

At the White House, presidential spokesman Ari Fleischer said of the highly publicized case: "The president has faith in our impartial system of justice. ... The president looks forward to justice being done in the court."

Outside the courthouse, Lindh's parents - who met with their son for the first time in two years before the hearing Thursday - said he never intended to harm Americans.

"John loves America. We love America. John did not do anything against America. ... John is innocent of these charges," said Frank Lindh.

Lindh's mother, Marilyn Walker, fought tears as she said: "It's been two years since I last saw my son. It was wonderful to see him this morning. My love for him is unconditional and absolute."

Brosnahan, who met with Lindh before and after the hear-

ing, said that despite "the government's effort to demonize him, he's a nice young man."

The government's criminal complaint paints another picture. While at an al-Qaida training camp in June, Lindh "learned from one of his instructors that Osama bin Laden had sent people to the United States to carry out several suicide operations," according to an FBI affidavit.

The criminal complaint accuses Lindh of:

-Conspiring to kill Americans outside the United States.

-Providing material support and resources to a terrorist organization, Harakat ul-Mujahideen, in Kashmir.

-Providing material support and resources to bin Laden's al-Qaida.

-Contributing goods and services to the Taliban and to people whose property and interests are legally blocked in the war against terrorism.

SPEAKER: Acclaimed author wrote about gentrification

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tensen said, "(it was) interesting as always; I was really glad to hear him talking about cities and how cities grow and change and how suburbanization affected cities."

Christensen said what interested him the most was Suarez's defense of gentrification because it is sometimes thought to ruin neighborhoods.

"I thought he's wrong about some of that, because one of the things he complained about with the loss of the old neighborhoods, is community and connections."

Christensen said his neighborhood is gentrified, and that there is a lot more movement through the neighborhood, which results in many different people who often don't stay very long. Christensen challenged Suarez's statements and said, "to be a real community, a neighborhood needs a very stable population."

The political science professor added that gentrification does

have some positives effects on the community.

"I think he under estimated what the transiency of gentrification does to a neighborhood," Christensen said.

Although Christensen did not agree with some of Suarez's comments, he praised the author's professional abilities.

"I think he is a great reporter and I loved his book on the old neighborhoods, it's more about cities not like San Jose," Christensen said.

Isabella Duron, SJSU alumnus and broadcast journalist, shared her thoughts on the evening and said, "Ray and I worked together in Chicago. I think he is very articulate, very intelligent. He is always a joy to listen to."

She said she thought he had a lot of insight, based on his knowledge of issues about urban and suburban life. However, she said she did not think that his knowledge of urban issues necessarily

pertained to San Jose.

"I think that there are some issues about San Jose where we're much more advanced than he thinks we are, and other things he was very cogent about," Duron said.

According to Duron, San Jose has a small town feel despite its population of more than one million because of how the neighborhoods are spread out.

"We will probably have to build more density in order create some kind of inner city, an inner city that has life and is economically viable and works," Duron said.

Suarez is recipient of the National Council of La Raza's Ruben Salazar Award in 1996 and earned his bachelor's degree in African history from New York University. He later received his master's degree in the social sciences from the University of Chicago, where he studied urban affairs.

RUSH: Two-day event held to recruit new members

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require.

One of them is Karen Buitrago, an international business major, who saw a lot of her friends spending money on trying to get initiated in a social scene, which she believed to be a clique.

"You just don't want to belong

to a letter," Buitrago said.

While some students worry about the effect joining a Greek house might have on their studies, fraternity and sorority members insist that joining a Greek chapter has actually helped them in their school life.

"It helps you more with school because you're more social," Lore-

do said. "This helps you to get out and meet people and set up study groups. You can also get to meet people who can help you in your major and select classes."

Some Greek chapters have a minimum requirement of a 2.5 GPA and have mandatory study hours for members, Greek members said.

Judge searching for jurors for San Francisco dog mauling

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A judge told prospective jurors to set aside their feelings about dogs as jury selection began Thursday in the trial of a couple whose animals fatally mauled a woman in their San Francisco apartment building.

"Some people have very strong

views about dogs," said Superior Court Judge James Warren, who traveled with the case when it was transferred to Los Angeles

because of heavy publicity in San Francisco. "Whatever your feelings are have to be set aside."

The judge began questioning the 280 potential jurors about whether any of them had hardships that would prevent them from serving. About 130 people were excused. He asked remaining prospects if they knew of the publicity, and hands shot up.

"You are not allowed to tell

anyone you are a potential juror in the dog case," he said.

The judge was to begin questioning another 280 prospective panelists Friday.

After hardship screening, the remaining prospective jurors will face individual questioning by lawyers beginning Feb. 5. Also, they were to fill out 29-page questionnaires that closely examine their feelings about dogs.



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Back in the swing of things

Enabenter-Omidiji hopes second year, near recruits will improve on last year's record

By Mike Corpus

DAILY STAFF WRITER

The San Jose State University softball team has been practicing since school began in the fall and it's now almost time to get the season under way.

PREVIEW

With the first game of the season scheduled for February 1, the team and coaching staff are excited to get down to business.

According to Head Coach Dee Dee Enabenter-Omidiji, the Spartans are ready to take on the new season and all of its challenges, including losing their top two pitchers from last season.

"We're excited to get out there and get tested," Enabenter-Omidiji said.

Excitement and anticipation of the new season are the dominant emotions on the South Campus field where the softball team practices.

After finishing 26-41 last season, the best since 1998, this year's team is hoping to continue to improve throughout the 2002 season.

Last season, SJSU had a whole new coaching staff and no new players.

Enabenter-Omidiji said it was a challenge coming into a program that had not seen much success in several years and to, "Change attitudes, and get players who believe in my philosophy."

The second-year coach said her philosophy is to always be better than the day before.

According to Enabenter-Omidiji, one thing she learned very quickly as a new coach at SJSU was the importance of rivalries.

"You gotta beat Fresno (State). You can lose to everyone else, but you have to beat Fresno," she said.

The Coach hopes that all of the players will stand out in their own ways.

"The Biggest thing is for them to learn that there are more ways to win and be successful than having one more run than your opponent," she said.

The Spartans aren't scheduled to play a home game until the end of March, largely due to the number of tournaments they play in before beginning conference play in late March.

The first tournament is scheduled to begin Feb. 1, and is co-hosted by California State

University, Northridge and the University of California, Los Angeles.

Freshman pitcher Brianne Ferguson said she is anxious to begin the season.

"I hope we're able to come together as a team and do the best we can," Ferguson said.

"With one of our pitchers, Candice (Akin) hurt it means playing a 63-game season on a two-pitcher rotation, which can be difficult," Ferguson said.

Akin is out with severe ten-

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- Dee Dee Enabenter-Omidiji, SJSU head softball coach

donitis in the elbow of her throwing arm.

"I probably won't be throwing till March," Akin said, "but there is a possibility that I could play if needed. I may also red shirt this season. I just have to do what's best for the team. Right now I'll just continue with the rehab."

With five returning players,

and nine new players divided among freshmen and transfer students, Enabenter-Omidiji said she has high hopes for the 2002 season, especially for continued improvement.

Returning players include catcher Karlie Reiss, third baseman Veronica Ramos, pitcher Candace Akin, first and second baseman Diana Lilly and first and second baseman Becca Baldrige.

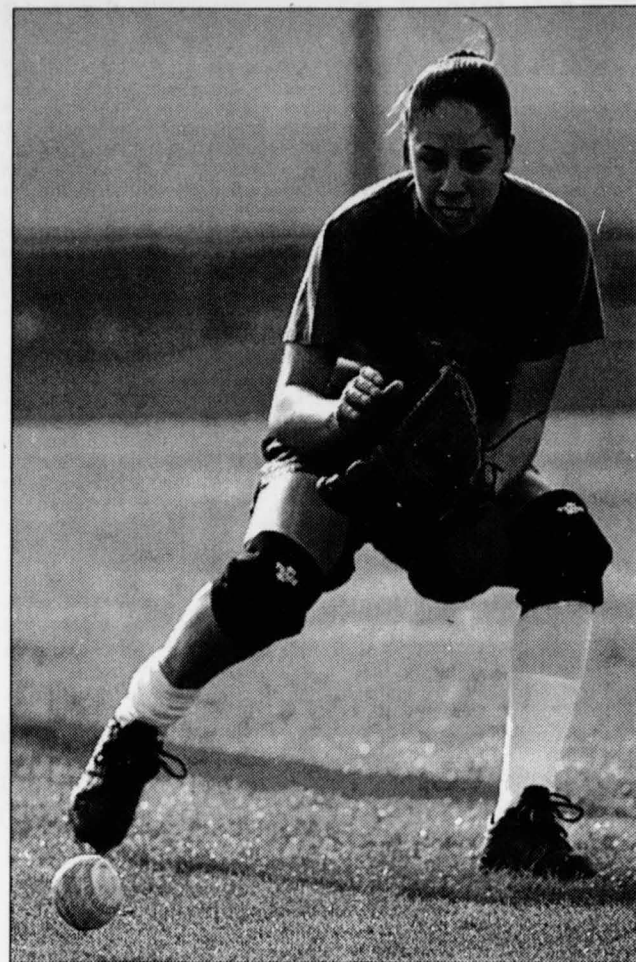
They are joined by transfer students Miranda Gonzales from Fresno City College, and Tara Hall from Arizona Western College, at shortstop and second base, respectively.

The freshmen include pitcher Carol Forbes, pitcher Brianne Ferguson, catcher Shannon Anderson, and outfielders Tiffany Finley, Stefanie McMin, Elisa Barrios, Jana Arde.

According to junior third baseman Veronica Ramos, the new players have made a good impression.

"They are much better people and athletes than we had before. They have a better work ethic. We're a young but talented team, and very hard-working."

Enabenter-Omidiji is joined on the coaching staff by former Spartan pitcher and pitching coach Christine Akin, UCLA alumna Missy Phillips and Kim Schuette who came to SJSU from Indiana State University.



Chris Prevolos / Spartan Daily

Elisa Barrios, a San Jose State University softball player, fields a ground ball during practice on Thursday at the softball field on South Campus.

Tulsa whips SJSU men's basketball

DAILY STAFF REPORT

Golden Hurricane forward Kevin Johnson scored 20 points — 14 of them in the second half — to lead the University of Tulsa to a 78-54 victory over San Jose State University on Thursday at The Reynolds Cen-

With the win, the Golden Hurricane stayed one-half game behind Hawai'i for the WAC lead.

Tulsa's offensive showcase also featured an 8-for-16 performance from the three-point arc and a 14-for-14 night at the free throw line.

Forward Andre Valentine, making his first start for SJSU, scored 17 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to earn his second double-double of the season.

With nine points, Spartan guard Brandon Hawkins was held under double figures for the first time on the year.

Spartan Moises Alvarez chipped in with 12 points.

SJSU play at Rice on Saturday at 5:05 p.m.



STANDINGS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

TEAM	W	L	ALL
HAWAII	7	1	16-3
TULSA	6	1	15-3
FRESNO ST.	5	2	13-6
SMU	5	2	10-7
NEVADA	4	3	11-6
LA. TECH.	4	3	10-6
BOISE ST.	2	6	8-10
UTEP	2	6	7-12
RICE	1	6	6-11
SJSU	1	7	6-14

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ter in Tulsa.

Tulsa opened the game up with a 9-0 lead and a 13-0 run by late in the first half opened up a 28-8 lead for the Golden Hurricane.

Unlike Saturday's upset win over the University of Hawai'i, the Spartans were unable to come back from a 9-0 deficit. SJSU (1-7 Western Athletic Conference, 6-14 overall) got no closer than 11 points on two occasions in the second half.

Tulsa, which has won all 14 meetings with the Spartans, received 13 points apiece from guards Antonio Reed and Jason Parker.

Tulsa (6-1, 15-3), the top offensive team in the Western Athletic Conference, shot 56 percent from the floor despite leading scorers Dante Swanson and Greg Harrington combining for seven points.

Baseball legend Williams hospitalized again

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Ted Williams, slowed by a series of strokes and congestive heart failure in recent years, was back in the hospital Thursday with a high temperature and low blood pressure.

The 83-year-old baseball Hall of Famer was taken from his home by ambulance to Shands Hospital at the University of Florida, about 50 miles away. He had open-heart surgery last January.

Williams was given fluids and antibiotics in the intensive care unit, and his vital signs improved. The Boston Globe reported Thursday night. His temperature was 100 degrees before he arrived, it said.

"Dad's doing all right," son John Henry Williams told the newspaper. "He's got some sort of cold or flu or something. But he's far from dead."

The family at first didn't think it was serious enough for the hospital but decided not to take a

chance. Williams said his father might return home on Friday.

"There's no time limit," he said. "We want to make sure we know what he's got. ... He was probably fighting it for a few days. But this isn't a big deal."

Williams, who requires daily kidney dialysis, had a series of strokes in the 1990s, including an especially severe one in 1994 that limited his vision and mobility. He

also has had an increased heart rate and high blood pressure in recent years.

In a rare interview in September, the former Red Sox star told The Boston Sunday Globe, "I'm feeling pretty good."

"But my whole life has been knocked out of joint," he said. "Oh, boy. I've never been through years like I've been through in the last four years. There's nothing I can

compare it to in my life. I really have been through hell."

Known during his playing days as "The Splendid Splinter," Williams has lived in Florida since retiring from the Red Sox in 1960.

The Hall of Famer, who played his entire 19-year career with Boston, and was the last man to bat .400 for a season, hitting .406 in 1941.



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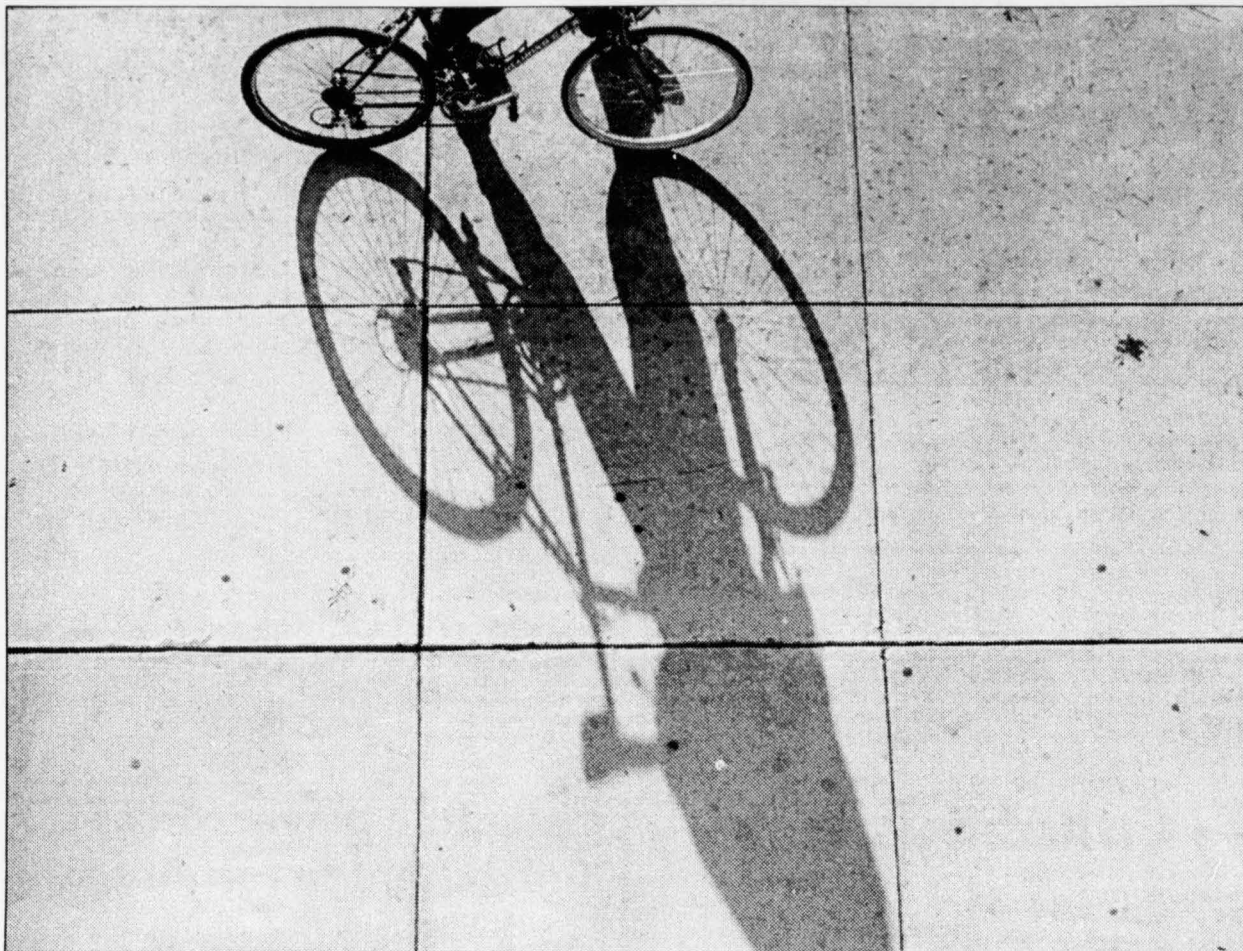
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A student walked his bicycle past the Event Center on Thursday.

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MUSE Program offered to freshmen

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relationship with professors; have a chance to interact more than regular classes and feel welcome and comfortable in their new environment, he said.

Goodman said he believes that students will feel more comfortable consulting with their mentors about problems than going to a professor.

Nellen chairs the committee in charge of new seminar classes and workshops. She said that courses in the MUSE program will only have 15 students per class and that selective courses will have upper-class student mentors. She added that since there are about 100 courses available, the program will serve up to 1,500 students.

"Work began in late Spring 2001 because there was a need to get a temporary exception from the Academic Senate on the GE approval process for the 100 seminars," Nellen said.

She also added that the program received help from Interim Associated Vice President Lee Dorosz from Undergraduate Studies, who in April assembled a committee comprised of faculty and people from the Student Services and Academic Services that plan to participate in the program.

Students taking MUSE courses are slated to earn three units in required GE courses. This program, and those similar to it, have been available at other universities, but this will be the first year for a program of this kind at San Jose State University.

According to Nellen, there are other programs that are not limited to MUSE students. Workshops, which are designed to help students learn more about services and campus activities, such as cultural and sporting events, are scheduled to be offered in the spring and fall semesters.

Though freshmen students may gain a lot of valuable experience, Goodman says that they are not the only ones who will benefit from MUSE.

Upper-class students can volunteer for the peer mentor pro-

gram to help new students. Student mentors will receive three units and gain a rare opportunity to work with others and learn leadership skills.

Goodman said Professor Jill Steinberg from Counseling Services, who chairs the Peer Mentor Program, has chosen 27 students to become mentors. Before becoming a mentor, students have to fill out an application, go through an interview process and then enroll in university studies 196.

Other qualifications include a GPA of 2.5, a minimum junior status, and enthusiasm to help others. After serving as a mentor in the fall, students can continue in the mentor program in the New Student Center in Spring 2003.

MUSE courses are slated to range from life science, humanities and arts, social sciences, business and engineering sections along with others.

One class that is a part of MUSE is crime and punishment, which is scheduled to be taught by Professor Mona Lynch, who said that anyone who wants to be a part of the MUSE seminar must have a "passion for a particular subject" and to have a "commitment to some extracurricular involvement."

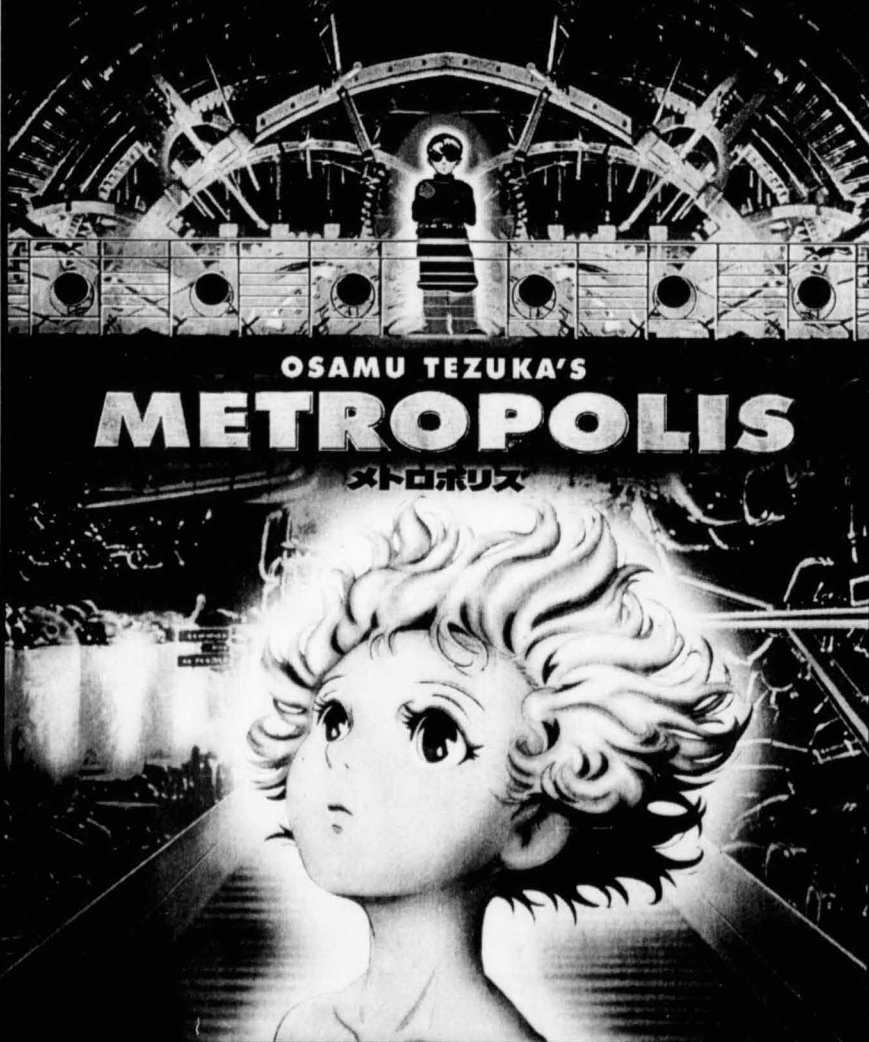
Some things the students will experience in the class include discussions, group projects, research skills and participation in activities off and on campus.

Lynch also mentioned MUSE events, where students, faculty and mentors will have group outings. Some of these outings include athletic events, meals and concerts.

"My overall goal is to get my MUSE students excited about learning through reading, analyzing, and thinking about issues in ways that they may not have thought about issues before," she said.

"This, I hope, will inspire them to approach each subsequent class they take with intellectual curiosity and excitement ... and get a meaningful education here."

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